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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Peter Förch et al.
Applic. No. : 09/847,699
Filed : May 2, 2001
Title : Device And Method For Aligning Sheets
Examiner : Michael S. Lowe
Group Art Unit : 3652

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Responsive to the Office Action dated September 3, 2002, the following remarks are made:

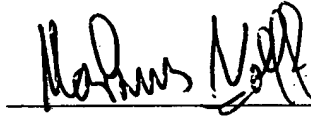
In deference to the election requirement on page 2 of the above-identified Office action, Applicants elect species A (Figs. 1-4) for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including species B-G at a later date.

The following claims read on elected species A: claims 1-2, 4-5, 7-10, and 14-20.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits, and the allowance of the claims are solicited.

Respectfully submitted,



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